"Deus Veile-re le Volt! (God Jealous Wills *it!*)"

"*Facilis descensus Averni: Noctes atque dies patet atri ianua Ditis; Sed revocare gradium superasque evadere ad auras, / hoc opus, hic labor est*."
Virgil, *Aeneid*, iv. 128.

"The gates of hell are open night and day; Smooth the descent, and easy is the way: But to return, and view the cheerful skies, / In this the task and mighty labor lies."

Ye Gode CHYLDE *of* OUR CHURCH TRIUMPHANT *Her Sacred Blue Lady*

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Citizen Mayfly

&c…

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in hoc signo vinces – By this sign shalt thou conquer. *a fiery cross in the sky*
As seen by **Constantine the Great..**
On the eve of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge.

STOP IT

BY

CITIZEN MAYFLY

"Deus$_{\text{JE SUIS}}$ le Volt*a*! (God $_{\text{'T'ness}}$ Wills *it*!)"

Pope Urban II, (1042-1099), *shouting,*

appealing

to his listeners' highest motives & to their most selfis

QUICK BECAME *the battle cry of the first crusade* ...

"Deus$_{\text{Je Süss}}$ le Volt*e*! (God $_{\text{US IS}}$ Wills *it*!)"

20 April 2004

"More talk about downtown, no solutions yet."

Brennan Clark.[1]

[1] Victoria News. Mar 31, 2004. Pg. 3.

"Deus $_{\text{Vefle-re}}$ le Volt! (God $_{\text{Jealous}}$ Wills *it!*)"

For Ye Gross en-masse mean of ignorant Commonality …

Implicit *in* Aristotle's writings is the attitude *that* every aspect of human life & society may be an appropriate object of thought & analysis; the notion *that* the universe is not controlled by blind chance, by magic, or by the whims of capricious deities, *but that* its behavior is subject to rational laws; the belief *that* it is worthwhile for human beings to conduct a systematic inquiry into every aspect of the natural world; & the convictions *that* we should utilize both empirical observations & logical reasoning in forming conclusions …

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"The *shooting gallery* behind McPherson Playhouse & Centennial Sq., *is called* 'the Hole' …"
Michael Breton, volunteer *head of SOLID,*
the Society of Living Intravenous Drug-Abusers.

Insp. Darrell McLean said police were concerned
about broken glass, used syringes & other debris littering the grounds of city hall.[2]

Stop it

Its estimated that there may be as many as 2,000 intravenous drug abusers around *Greater* Victoria, & the Vancouver Island Health Authority reports … more than half that number at any given time *by treatment, detoxification, counseling, & other services*.

Many addicts though don't want help *in* kicking their habit.

Unkempt, unpleasant people with dirty habits.[3]

Deviant manners robbing your children's future – diverting dwindling & scant tax monies away of *sports, music, & art* programs.

"*We* exchange or give out about three hundred needles *every* day." said Breton, "to what's done up the street at the AIDS Vancouver Island needle exchange."[4]

As evidenced through numerous studies in recent years, in*f*ection drug *ab*use is a major public health & order problem in Canada.[5] About 100,000-125,000 Canadians are Intravenous Drug *Ab*users (IDUs) & almost half live in Toronto, Montreal & Vancouver – characterized by high levels of drug-related mortality (overdose). Illicit drug injection is associated with significant health & social consequences for drug users, their families & communities. The consequences include injection-related infections, *overdose*, blood-borne viruses

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[2] Police put run on chronic campers. Feb. 4, 2004. Victoria News.
[3] …
[4] The hole in the heart of Victoria. Jack Knox. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Oct. 19, 2003. D.1. FRO
[5] Safer injection facilities (SIFs) for injection drug abusers (IDUs) in Canada: a review & call for an evidence-focused pilot trial. Canadian Journal of Public Health. V.93(5) S/0'02 pg. 336-338. Rehm, Jurgen. Fischer, Benedikt. Kim, Gregory. Rubins, Amanda.

(BBV) & disease transmission, exposure to discarded needles, violence, property crime, sex trade[6] & child abuse – problems particularly severe in Vancouver, where an in*f*ectious *drug ab*user population of a few thousand *injectors* is concentrated in the small downtown eastside corridor, further described by poverty, & a lack of housing, & addiction treatment services.

Canada is in the midst of a public health crisis concerning HIV/AIDS, Hepatitus C, & in*f*ection drug *ab*use.[7]

"Two years ago [Paul Battershill] & [Alan Lowe] talked about encouraging more people to live, work & shop downtown as a way of making Victoria seem a safer community.

Today downtown seems less safe than ever."[8]

The Wolf Pack, a Victoria police team, targets area's *like – Crack Corner: Centennial Sq.* – GROUND ZERO.

"When you attack drug crime, you get a halo effect." says Insp. Bill Naughton. "Addicts *need* $200-$1000 / day to 'feed their habits.': *that generally meaning*

prostitution & theft

– jail offers *only* … the cycle of addiction … not a cure."[9]

2001 Solicitor-General report, 95% of 500 million in federal money spent to fight drugs went into policing. That year, a UN report showed *that* police captured only 5% of the worlds illegal drug flow.

"What's your preference – have people shoot up in your backyard, dropping needles *all over the place*, creating a public disturbance?
You want *them* off your streets."

Larry Campbell[10]

The Pusher *man* tends to be an all-purpose, omnivorous criminal: feral … *rélugue*. & a toxic biohazard.[11]
… the Pusher *man* can *cuz* he mixes *it* with love & makes the world taste good.
… he makes the world taste good.

Speaker after speaker complained of the downtown being overtaken by dealers, & drug-abusers, of drug-abusers detritus – syringes, condoms, blood & feces … [12]

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[6] Safe in*f*ection facilities in Canada: is it time? Canadian Medical Association Journal. V.165(4) Ag 21'01 pg. 436-437. Palepu, Anita, Centre for Health Evaluation & Outcome Sciences, St. Pauls Hospital. Vancouver, BC; & Associate Editor of CMAJ. & Kerr, Thomas, University of Victoria.

[7] Network Executive Director Ralf Jurgens - April release *of a 70-page report,* Establishing Safe Injection Facilities in Canada: Legal & Ethical Issues.

[8] Reclaiming Downtown Series: The Red Zone. Louise Dickson. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Feb. 9, 2003. D.5.

[9] The hole in the heart of Victoria. Jack Knox. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Oct. 19, 2003. D.1. FRO

[10] Next hot issue: Safe Injection Sites. Advocaters say they're the best route to *harm reduction*. Vancouver's way is a hard sell here. Murray Whyte. Staff Reporter. Toronto Star. Oct. 28, 2003.

[11] The hole in the heart of Victoria. Jack Knox. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Oct. 19, 2003. D.1. FRO

[12] Drug problem demands leadership. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Jan. 12, 2003. D.2.

putting residents, customers & business people in great danger.

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(Last year: 2003.) Lorne Whyte, executive director of tourism, Victoria, sitting in his Bastion Square office, overlooking the *sparkling* inner harbour, says 'the perception of Victoria as a clean, green, safe destination has changed dramatically.'

At that time, the Bastion Bldg. was, very obviously, smeared on three sides with shit-stained hand-prints … for about 3 mos.
Moreso disgusting … someone had removed the graffiti but left the shit:
even arguing with me when I Courtyously suggested 'cleaning their shit up.'
The Bastion Bldg. was, very obviously, smeared on three sides with shit-stained hand-prints … for about more 3 mos.
despite the established presence of a film crew. & tourists, & artisans & the rest of ye gross en-masse mean of ignorant commonality.

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"We must find our way out of the tunnel of frustration, fear & despair." [Lowe]

Battershill figures *that* it will take three years of focused police & social work to bring change to the downtown.: "From a police standpoint," says Battershill, "A healthy downtown is a place free from graffiti & needles, & is going to be a place where if you traffic in drugs, you're going to get nailed."[13]

Denyce Burrows [owner *of* Old Fashioned Flowers, Johnson st.] told council, "We demand responsible leadership from you, now before decay reaches the situation of Vancouver's downtown eastside.

We demand results as justification for the taxes we pay & the jobs we provide.
We don't want to hear what you can't do.
We want solutions that will take effect immediately."[14]

Mayor Alan Lowe, along with police & officials from Vancouver Island Health Authority, *unveils* the city's 'downtown action plan' – proposed *million dollar* sobering & assessment center

for alcoholics & drug addicts:

increased needle pick-up; expanded youth detox services; streamlined intake procedures for psychiatric emergencies at hospitals; more affordable housing; stepped up law enforcement … City council re-thinks the previous year's grant cuts in the 2003 budget, replacing $131,300 of the $246,544 in municipal grant cuts.[15]

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A bomb threat in March – *a hoax – following* a robbery at *Greater* Victoria Savings & Credit Union corner of Blanshard & Broughton Sts. *Also*, Sgt. Darren Laur, *on 'the downtown (20 member) drug task force – 204 arrests on trafficking charges, possession, breaches, solicitation of prostitution …*[16]

As well, Victoria police negotiator Const. Mark Catto *was called in to negotiate* during a domestic dispute between a man who allegedly threatened a woman with a knife …

City councilors agree on how to plan the location of future casinos in the city, but …

BC Lottery Corporation (BCLC) officials say 'Victoria isn't a top priority.'[17]

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[13] Search for solutions. Jody Paterson & Darren Stone. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Feb. 10, 2003. A.1. FRO
[14] Downtown drug crisis needs action, council told. Jeff Rud & Gerald Young. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Jan. 10, 2003. C.1. FRO
[15] Dec. 31, 2003. Victoria News. 2003 – the year that was ...
[16] Dec. 31, 2003. Victoria News. 2003 – the year that was ...
[17] Dec. 31, 2003. Victoria News. 2003 – the year that was ...

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Toronto has some 10,000 to 15,000 injection drug users. Montreal & Vancouver about 12,000 each.
Estimated [18] in the final report in December of the House of Commons special committee on the non-medical use of drugs.

Approximately 16,000-20,000 in*f*ection drug abusers – *almost* all infected with hepatitis C – dieing in BC.
Approximately 6 million needles are given out annually in BC. Said B. Locke.
3.5 million *in* Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.[19]

After visiting model sites in Switzerland & Geneva, *a former skid-row cop & chief coroner, Vancouver Mayor Larry Campbell – not* use *to being branded a radical – says,* Canada's first *un*safe in*f*ection site – exempt from federal drug laws to allow heroin & cocaine *ab*users to use without fear of arrest[20] – *for* drug addicts the federally funded *shooting gallery* will be opened in Vancouver with federal approval by late Feb. or early Mar. Mayor Campbell was elected on a 'harm reduction' – treatment & beyond – platform & succeeds outgoing Mayor Philip Owen, an outspoken proponent on *public health alternatives* to the drug war.[21]

"But now, '*what I see* is addicts not sharing dirty needles & dirty pipes. They're coming into contact with health-care professionals, which never happens (*otherwise*). They're getting counseling. It just makes sense in every way.'

Except for that these degenerates so much depreciate things … & other unfortunates sechwise suffer all the more-so - - -

'If you care about people as people - it's the right choice.'
Mayoral candidate, David Miller.

For Street Health director Lorie Steer, the equation is simple, *These people* are going to use drugs no matter what … It's just the ethical thing to do 'to keep them alive' & help them stay as healthy as possible. Steer's agency *is* one of the nine in the city to go beyond the government funded strategy of *un*safe in*f*ection kits – a glass pipe, *safe* filters, a removable mouthpiece: the city's biggest drug problem.

But the city has no treatment plan for those *ab*users, nor is there funding for kits given out by *the safe Crack Use Coalition*.[22]

Ottawa is supporting *new strategies* – giving Vancouver $1.1 million to open its SIS – in acknowledgment *that* ***the status quo isn't working,*** Campbell said. An articulation of a *harm reduction* policy *that* accepts addiction as

a compulsive medical condition

& aims to reduce health risks by distributing clean needles & medical attention

"We have an illegal situation with drugs,
& we say 'poor you', & we pay *for _ their habits.*"

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[18] Getting addicts off the streets. Ken MacQueen. MacLean's. Toronto ON. Mar. 17, 2003. Vol. 116. Iss. 11. Pg. 46, 2 pgs.
[19] 2002 Legislative Session: 3rd Session, 37th Parliament – *morning sitting.* Vol. 10. No. 6.
[20] [Viviana Zanocco, spokeswoman for Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.] June 27, Associated Press reports: Canada will open North America's first legal *un*safe in*f*ection site for drug addicts.
[21] Drug Policy Alliance. Vancouver Mayor: *un*Safe In*f*ection Site by March. *Dec. 19, 2002.*
[22] Ibid.

Eva Curlanis-Bart *of* the Garden District Residents
Association, in the Dundas-Sherbourne area.

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The increase in drug seizures from 2002 to 2003 define Vancouver - Lower Mainland *as* the drug-offence capital of Canada.[23]

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities endorsed a resolution to establish *un*safe in*f*ection sites on an experimental basis at 4 – 6 Canadian cities.[24]

Health Canada will be ready to accept proposals from cities interested in establishing *un*safe in*f*ection sites … where intravenous drug *ab*users can inject with medicacare & Social Services 'on-site,' will not contravene the country's Controlled Drugs & Substances Act.

> "The Minister 'by the end of the year' will be able to accept proposals from individual cities." Health Canada spokesperson Farah Mohamed. "It will take up to 60-days for Health Canada to review & approve each proposal."

Two months later, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network issued a report calling for the creation of trial sites. & Vancouver ACTIVISTS have been threatening to start their own *if he fails to act*.

Le Devoir (Montreal) reported Nov. 8 *that Health Canada would not fund* them, but … [25]

My educated estimate, said Jeff Bray, is *that* this analysis will determine *that* we do not need a … supervised safe injection site.

The goal of the Vancouver site *is to reduce harm on the user* & *take the in*f*ection activity off the street.*[26]

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> People with mental illness such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder are at a higher risk of contracting HIV than the general population.
>
> *A psychiatrist*

> People with bipolar disorder engage in risky behaviour such as unprotected sex during a manic state.
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> Dr. Stephen Fitzpatrick,
> director of the HIV/AIDS Psychiatric Service program
> at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver BC.

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[23] Vancouver is Canada's drug 'warehouse – distribution center of drugs'. Lori Culbert. Vancouver Sun. Vancouver BC. Feb. 24, 2004. A.1. FRO

[24] Bula, F. Mayors want trial safe-injection sites. Vancouver Sun. Feb. 19, 2002. A.3. *Also*, Canadian Task Group on Supervised Injection Sites. Issue analysis summary. 2002. Unpublished report, Health Canada.

[25] NewsBrief: Canada Gives Go Ahead to *un*safe in*f*ection sites, First to Open Early Next Year. 11/15/02 [Stop (the) Drug War.org: the drug Reform Coordination Network (DRCNet) …drcnet@drcnet.org

[26] 2004 Legislative Series: 5th Session, 37th Parliament. HANSARD. Wednesday, March 24, 2004 – afternoon sitting. Vol. 22. No. 7.

Those who suffer from *the* mental illness alternate between periods of depression & euphoria, when they have a sense of omnipotence, often coupled with a feeling of hyper-sexuality …

When people go manic, everything gets cranked up,
Fitzpatrick said *at* the North American AIDS Treatment Action Forum.

Manics take more risky behaviours *because* they're dis-inhibited & they're less impulse controlled.

Schizophrenics are also a high-risk group for becoming infected with AIDS- causing HIV *because* they have poor reasoning skills when their dealing with delusions & hallucinations.[∞]

Many mentally ill people are also addicted to drugs, including in*f*ection drugs that increase their chances of becoming infected with HIV, said Fitzpatrick. Most schizophrenics in Vancouver live in the downtown eastside (DES), where they have easy access to street drugs in North America's most open drug scene.[27]

Hon. G. Abbott, One of the poorest areas in Vancouver, perhaps the poorest areas in all Canada: *about* 16.000 people live in Vancouver's *down*town east side – *in 1996 the median household income on the downtown east side was $11,000.*

Between 500-4700 in*f*ection drug abusers – 90% of all the in*f*ection drug abusers on the *down*town east side *are*

infected with hep C: have problems with tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases, &c… [28]

18% of *the city's* mentally ill are in the *down*town east side.

CRIME STATS. 21.6% of all police calls in Vancouver are in the *down*town east side.

Canadian Alliance MP Randy White, vice-chair of *the* Liberal-dominated special committee on 'the non-medical use of drugs,' concluded *that* 'harm reduction' measures are wrong-headed & only coddle addicts.

"They will maintain chemical dependency to dangerous & illicit drugs
over a much longer period of time."

"Why are we putting money into keeping people on drugs?"
he said, *to CBC Newsworld*.

"It's not harm reduction. It's harm extension."[29]

Canadian drug laws are actually contributing to the harm done to society, & individuals who *ab*use *current illegal* drugs: *the black market* spawns significant social pathologies, including increased transmissions of HIV/AIDS & hep C – epidemics among intravenous drug abusers – & societal burdens of …; corruption (cf. *raid on legislature, Dec. 28'04*); violence; *sex* crime; destabilization of world markets & criminalization of youth.

de facto [30] decriminalization of heroine & cocaine was tried for 8 years between 1986-1994 in Zurich, Switzerland. During this time in 'needle park,' there was no penalty for drug *ab*use & over 1000 intravenous drug *ab*users congregated daily.

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[27] People with mental illness more prone to contradicting HIV, psychiatrist says. Canadian Press Newswire. D 4'01. Camille Bains.

[28] *HANSARD*

[29] Safe injection sites recommended by Commons committee. Monday, Dec 9, 2002.

[30] Illicit IV Drugs: A Public Health Approach. Canadian Journal of Public Health. Vol. 93. No. 6. Nov/Dec 2002. May 22, 2003. Illicit IV Drugs: A Public Health Approach. Mark Haden MSW

The social experiment was closed due to increased violence, HIV infections, robberies, & drug deaths … ***if removal of legal sanctions does not increase consumption of drugs …*** **what does?**

Poverty; exposure to violence; childhood abuse; & neglect; social disconnectedness;
poor role models; exposure to drug using peers; unemployment & inadequate housing;
- are some factors that influence both drug use & abuse.

Youth comment that - unregulated - drugs are easier to access than liquor- which is regulated.[31]

A (Sep. 25) tour of VANCOUVER's controversial safe injection site for drug addicts,
Open Sept. 22, 2004: costing 2 million / year to operate.
convinced three prominent local politicians *that* the City of VICTORIA drug problem is not *as yet* severe enough to warrant a similar facility in the provincial capital.

The site is not a perfect solution, but … *it* will save the lives of addicts. [Vancouver Mayor Larry Campbell][32]

"It's still a crime **& the cost borne by *the community* is enormous.**"
Eva Curlanis-Bart *of* the Garden District Residents Association, in the Dundas-Sherbourne area.

Lowe said[33] *that* staff at the facility admitted *that*
ONLY 2-*or*-3 % of the users *will*

quit drugs & stay clean

for good.

A more realistic goal, he said, is stopping the rampant spread of HIV in the injection drug community: **a cancer & *perilous* enemy of *the healthy* –polis …**

"They may 'use' there, but then they're out on the street, looking for more … urinating, defecating, screaming.
The only way you can get rid of this is by **stopping it** PERIOD"

[] the scourge of our society – *is* the #1 cause of crime, family breakdown, abuse of property, (*& poverty*). The problem of drugs & addiction … infect our society to a level where every *single* person has been affected in some way … a hideous plague.

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[31] The National Center on Addiction & Substance Abuse at Columbia University. National Survey of American Attitude on Substance Abuse VII: Teens, Parents, & Siblings. Aug. 2002.
http://www.casacolumbia.org/publications1456/publications.htm

[32] Safe injection experiment begins. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Sep. 16, 2003. A.8. Cf. [1743] J. Kwan "Quite frankly, safe in*f*ection sites, combined with heroin 'main'-*tenet* initiatives save lives." 2004 Legislative Series: 3rd Session, 37th Parliament. HANSARD. Monday, March 11, 2002 – afternoon sitting. Vol. 4. No. 2.
` Hon. S. Brice, the province put 1.2 million into Capital: the Premier 'committed' to *a* 2 million one-time Transition Funding … to ensure *the project* set up (& running): Metamphetamine Environmental Scan Summit hosted by the Canadian Community Epidemiology Network on Drug Use.

[33] City politicians say tour was an eye-opener. Brennan Clarke. Victoria News. Oct. 1, 2003. FRO

The drug problem *is* extra-ordinarily complex: it intertwines with 'the mental health problem' … Worst of all,

there is no fix

& the problem continues to grow, destroying lives, & families, & victimizing people.

THE WAR ON DRUGS HAS FAILED.

Addiction is an illness & a health issue.
Hon. S. Brice [34]

& ZERO –TOLERANCE IS FAILING.

Three- & four- pillar approaches – jargon & rhetoric, confusing & frustrating …

WONT WORK EITHER.

[B. Locke[35]]

In Surrey, one of the ways *we* are dealing with this massive community health problem is simply to admit it – to acknowledge *that* it impacts everyone in our community, no matter what their culture or demographic …

ADDICTION AFFECTS EVERYBODY … *like the fungus that it truly is.*

[Loretta Solomon. South Fraser Community Services Society *deals with some of the most difficult clientele.*] Those who we see on the streets, who are addicted to high-risk drugs, are emotionally troubled or suffer from mental illness.[36]

The Vancouver Coastal Health Authority *is* finalizing their addiction plan. They are going to prioritize & implement key initiatives ***that will*** **help the drug scene.** *Also*, they are in the process of finalizing & implementing a communicable disease intervention strategy …

Outcomes are to increase the economic activity in the downtown eastside – revitalize Hastings corridor; dismantle open drug scene; problem hotels into contributing hotels …[37]

"HELPING ADDICTS & the mentally ill reintegrate INTO THE COMMUNITY
'… from the acute care system toward independent living.'"
Margaret McNeil,
regional director for mental health & addiction services,
Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA).

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[34] 2004 Legislative Series: 5th Session, 37th Parliament. HANSARD. Monday, March 22, 2004 – morning sitting. Vol. 22. No. 3.
[35] HANSARD.
[36] *Ibid*.
[37] HANSARD/Hansard Debates from Previous Sessions. 4th Session, 37th Parliament. Tuesday, May 27, 2003 – *morning sitting*. Vol. 16. No. 3.

After touring Vancouver's controversial *safe* in*f*ection site for (*illicit*) drug addicts, three prominent local politicians say *that* the city of Victoria's drug (*abuse*) problems are not severe enough to warrant a similar facility in the provincial capital.[38]

Victoria's problems are solvable *whereas* VANCOUVER*'s* –
ill-reputed to have one of the worst intravenous drug abuse problems in North America
– are really not."

LIB MLA Jeff Bray (Victoria-Beacon Hill) expressed doubts – at some point you wonder – *about*
… pumping more into services for addicts:
"*The downtown eastside is* a melting pot of misery
… & quite frankly it shocks you to see how indescribably terrible it is
& how lost some of those people are.

"First … what is **the cost to the taxpayer** *for that 'safe infection site' in Vancouver*? & what does the provincial government contribute to that program?" D. MacKay

"… slightly over one million in capital *is* committed to this project. & a sort of *two million one-time operating commitment* the Premier made to allow the authority to make adjustments & to endeavour – about 1.55 million of that was expended, with approximately ½ million coming in *the next budget year.*" [Hon. S. Brice][39]

Since 1992 there have been more than 2,400 overdose deaths ... in BC. For 5 years in a row, drug overdoses (ODs) have been *the provinces* leading cause of death for males aged 30 – 49, in Vancouver – averaged 147 / year since 1993 – among the highest rates of HIV/AIDS for IDUs in the developed world: 30% according to the Senate Special Committee on Illegal Drugs. The hep C statistics are even worse. Of an estimated 5,000 IDUs in the DES,
about 90% have the disease.

Local health authority declared a public health emergency in 1997.[40]

While the social costs may be obvious, the economic costs are also high. BC has the highest combined costs of capita for illicit drug use in Canada. According to the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, *it* **cost the province $207 million in 1996 alone …**

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[38] Dec. 31, 2003. Victoria News. 2003: the year that was …

[39] HANSARD. Thursday, Mar. 11, 2004 – *morning sitting.* Vol. 22. No. 1.

[40] Street smart: in the last 10-years, heroin overdoses have killed thousands on the streets of Vancouver Downtown East Side (DES). Now a group of users have come together to forge their own solutions. This Magazine. V.36(5) Mr/Ap'03 pg. 20-25.

Most urgently needed in Vancouver is **an exemption to allow the use of illegal drugs …** East Vancouver MP Libby Davies.[41] *urged the government to grant the exemption because*

"We cannot wait *any longer.*"

Concentrations of IDUs in public areas affect nearby small businesses & discourage people from using public amenities.

Unlike *illegal* 'shooting galleries' run by drug dealers, SIFs *are* controlled health care settings

where people can inject pre-obtained drugs

under staff supervision & receive sterile injecting equipment, primary health care, counseling, & referral to health & social services …[42]

at tax-payers expense: taxes, ***stolen property, &c…***

… ye Newe Poore

try you to access these same 'welfare' privileges.

Hope you wont ever must have them, because these social rights 'now here' being made moke of are erodin' …

Evaporating social commitments made by governments to its constituents: the death of Freedom, first son of Liberty.

During a 39-month period 440 VIDUS participants made 2,763 emergency visits … & 210 participants were admitted to hospitals 495 times: soft-tissue infections & other problems related to illicit drug *ab*use, such as intoxication, withdrawl, & overdose.

Most hospital admissions were *the* result of bacterial *infections related to drug infection*s.

BCs highest number of fatal overdoses – *about* 4.7 per 100,000 population annually – leading cause of death among adults 30 – 49, residents DES for the last five years.

In 1999, there were 39% of an estimated 4190 new cases of hep C infection reported ….[43]

In 1997, Vancouver recorded the highest increase of HIV infection ever observed in the developed world.[44]

In 1997 Ann Livingstone – a DES resident since 1993 - project coordinator for the Vancouver Area Network of Drug *Ab*Users, says Human tragedy is unfolding in Vancouver Downtown East Side: & *poet*/activist Bud Osburn *held ther first* VIDUS *discussion … on the high-risk of sharing needles.*

What are the issues facing drug users?

What would most help … now?

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[41] Injection facilities needed to combat infection crisis, AIDS network says. Canadian Medical Association Journal. V.166(11) My 28'02 pg. 1455. Martens, Debra.

[42] Safe injection facilities in Canada: is it time? Canadian Medical Association Journal. V.165(4) Ag 21'01 pg. 436-437. Palepu, Anita * & Kerr, Thomas.

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[44] Injection facilities needed to combat infection crisis, AIDS network says. Canadian Medical Association Journal. V.166(11) My 28'02 pg.1455. Martens, Debra.

… at the end of the meeting, they formed a committee to organize the next meeting.[45]

By 1998, legal *un*safe in*f*ection sites had been established in three European countries:

- 5 operate in Frankfurt, Germany; the first est. in 1994. - Others are in Hamburg, Hanover, Bremen, Bonn.
  - 95% carrying hep C & 25% HIV infected.
  Fatal overdoses decline from 147 in 1991 to 26 in 1997, & according to autopsy results, HIV among drug *losers* declined from 63-65% in 1985 to 12-15% in 1994; attributed to … integrated *harm reduction* strategies / low-threshold drugs services …
  & not to demise of a greater percentile toxic carriers of living death.[46]
- 13 in the Swiss cities of Zurich, Bern, Basal (the first one in 1986)
- *un*safe in*f*ection rooms (SIRs) operate – at Paulus Kerk, *a church-based SIR*: 50% are immigrants & 40% homeless - *in* the Dutch cities of Rotterdam, Arnhem, & Maastricht. Amsterdam closed down poorly run SIRs in the 1970s.[47]

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"Victoria's street problems – the homeless, the mentally ill, the drug addicts, the street youth, the sex trade workers – & the urgency for dealing with them are a phenomena that comes & goes." [Doug Koch, manager *of* Victoria's planning division][48]

… a vicious cycle *that* needs to be broken.

They are committing a serious criminal act making a profit off the addictions of others responsible for the majority of violent crime in the downtown core.[49]

"We haven't got anything even close to that in Victoria & hopefully we're never going to. Its unlikely we would need that type of large clinic here …" [Sheila Orr, MLA (Victoria-Hillside)]

There needs to be a more holistic approach to dealing with these issues that involves the police, the judicial system, addiction care & counseling professionals, & the public.[50]

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[45] Street Smart: in the last 10 years, heroin overdoses have killed thousands on the streets of Vancouver DES. Now a group of users have come together to forge their own solutions. This Magazine. V.36(5) Mr/Ap'03 pg. 20-25.
[46] Cf. UBC Reports. Vol. 49. No. 1. Jan. 2, 2003. Vancouver ready for *un*safe in*f*ection sites, say UBC experts. Research indicates lives & money will be saved. Hilary Thomson.
[47] Joint Select Committee into SIRs, Parliament of New South Wales. *Repoert on the established trial of SIRs*. Australia: Parliament of New South Wales. Feb. 1998. 284 pgs. *See*, Jong, WM de, Weber U. The professional acceptance of drug use. *International Journal of Drug Policy.*
[48] Reclaiming Downtown Series: The Red Zone. Louise Dickson. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Feb. 9, 2003. D.5.
[49] A street cop's perspective on city's drug problem. Sergeant Darren Laur: Victoria Police Department. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Jan. 28, 2003. A.1.
[50] A street cop's perspective on city's drug problem. Sergeant Darren Laur: Victoria Police Department. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Jan. 28, 2003. A.1.

"We've already set in place every one of 'the eight (8) recommendations pertaining to the police department …" [Insp. John Ducker: *concerning* a final report from *the* Esquimalt-Vic West community response to violence committee – unfamiliar with the report, (tabled at a meeting of the Victoria Police Board), Esquimalt Mayor Darwin Robinson declined to comment.][51]

Committee members started out demanding stiffer penalties (),
but realized *that* the long-term solutions lie in prevention:
but "the process shifted to prevention rather than punitive measures."
[Sandra Pearson, Esquimalt's community recreation co-ordinator][52]

Spare the rod …

Many … teens say they know enough about the drug to make intelligent decisions. "It's an issue of personal choice." said Fiona, a 16-year old who attends the Victoria School of Performing & Visual Arts. "… it does bother me *to see*

12 year olds doing drugs.[53]

but at the age of 15-16

YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO BE IN CHARGE OF Y0UR OWN DECISIONS."[54]

… *which means, said L. Mayencourt, almost* half the kids on the street right now are surviving on this drug: metamphetamine – *Crystal* S L O W *Death.*[55]

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… the serious & costly effects of illicit drugs on our community: drugs are corrupting our society's human resource potential & are the basis for most criminal activity. The average *heavy* drug user requires more than $40,000 / year to support *their* habit. Most addicts can't hold down a job, so they often resort to stealing, but stolen property generally sells for only 20% of *its* original cost. This means that an individual must steal $200,000 worth of goods / year to support *their* habit.

Crime associated with drugs is a severe problem. & the law must be continued to be enforced: although taking drugs is

a choice

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[51] Youth violence report calls for community action. Brennan Clarke. Victoria News. Dec. 17, 2003. FRO

[52] Ibid. Cf., Hon. C. Clark, We are aiming at keeping children safe by building on the strength of families & communities. [2004 Legislative Series: 5th Session, 37th Parliament. HANSARD. Monday, March 22, 2004 – morning sitting. Vol. 22. No. 3.]

[53] Cf. "In the war against drugs one of the casualties is fairness." [Micheal Jackson. *Justice Behind the Walls: Human Rights in Canadian Prisons.*]

[54] High school students say legal pot no problem: many teens present well-known reasons for push to legalize. Keith Gerein, *Journal Staff Writer.* Edmonton Journal. Edmonton AB. Sep. 6, 2002. A.3.

[55] 2004 Legislative Session: 5th Session, 37th Parliament. HANSARD. Thursday, March 11, 2004 – *afternoon sitting.* Vol. 22. No. 2.

- & drug addiction is an illness. & a health care issue.[56]

Karen Dennis, a support worker with the Prostitute Empowerment, Education & Resource Society (PEERS) said, *the* Victoria police approach to sex trade workers has changed for the better since Battershill took over as chief in 1999.[57]

We know some people will continue to use drugs, even though they understand **the harm** they are causing to themselves, their families …{*the community.*} [Hon. S. Brice.][58]

Coun. Rob Fleming, a member of the VCE, shares *Lowe's optimisim* …

He said 'he is concerned about the numbers of people who would flock here to use the facility.'

He rejected the idea *that* Victoria should become a safe-injection site pilot project for the rest of the country.

Instead, [Chris Coleman] believes Victoria should provide *a broader national or regional strategy*.[59]

Growing *CRYSTAL DEATH* use in the Capital Region[60] – causing an increase in violent crime – *is* addicting young people at an alarming rate: youths 12-18 the highest risk group.

"We shouldn't be surprised by this. We were given the signal more than a year ago by the police in WASHINGTON STATE *that*

'the CRYSTAL DEATH crisis'

was going to jump the border." [Coun. Chris Coleman][61]

CRYSTAL DEATH: a worrisome drug, cheap to produce – TOXIC & DEADLY – highly addictive … can destroy lives.[62]

"The only real danger is buying *it* on 'the streets.'" [Brant, 17]

Const. Regan Owen, a school resource officer who conducts drug presentations at ME LaZerte high school, said *that* while some students have a good handle on *the issues*, others are clearly blinded to reality.

"… a need for a coordinated approach to ensure the drug problem doesn't hit the crisis proportions of some American communities."[63] Coun. Dean Fortin]

Owen said he believes marijuana is a gateway drug & has seen no evidence to the contrary. 64

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[56] 2003 Legislative Session. 4th Session, 37th Parliament. HANSARD. Wednesday, February 12, 2003 – *afternoon sitting.* Vol. 11. No. 2.

[57] Victoria News. Feb. 4, 2004. FRO

[58] 2004 Legislative Series: 5th Session, 37th Parliament. HANSARD. Monday, March 22, 2004 – morning sitting. Vol. 22. No. 3.

[59] Victoria's new council faces tough social issue. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Nov. 18, 2002. B.1. FRO

[60] Crystal Meth use hikes crime, addiction. Brennan Clarke. Victoria News. Mar. 17, 2004. FRO

[61] Ibid.

[62] Crystal meth scar spurs meeting request. Times-Colonist. Victoria, B.C. Mar. 13, 2004. B.3.

[63] Crystal meth scar spurs meeting request. Times-Colonist. Victoria, B.C. Mar. 13, 2004. B.3.

[64] High school students say legal pot no problem: many teens present well-known reasons for push to legalize. Keith Gerein, *Journal Staff Writer.* Edmonton Journal. Edmonton AB. Sep. 6, 2002. A.3.

"… *frankly* it erupts here *in our hotels, streets, & shelters.*" [65]

Police Chief Paul Battershill *said* THE PEOPLE CAN GO DOWNTOWN WITHOUT FEAR. Victoria is a safe city *overall*, without a single murder last year. But it wont stay that way "unless we can get a grip on the drug issue."[66]

The Space Age is going to be homo Sapiens sapiens' most bestial epoch yet. No doubt

"I really think we are on the brink of an epidemic that's going to have an impact on our streets & I don't know that we've got the luxury of time." [Coun. Pamela Madoff.][67]

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Abusers,
referring to themselves, colliquatively, as *Jibber-nauts, coco-nuts, or fiends, &c…*
stay awake for days. interested only in having sex & more of the drug: the average *junkie* might 'eat, smoke, or inject' up to 3 ½ grams *a wack-o*.

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Behavioral symptoms are *pretty* violent & the drug is more widespread because its cheaper & easier to obtain. There have been close to a dozen armed robberies in the Victoria-Esquimalt area in the last month … *may be* related to growing presence of *CRYSTAL DEATH* on the city's streets. [Victoria Police Chief Paul Battershill][68]

"… jurisdictions that have had an increase in *CRYSTAL DEATH* have seen a lot more armed robberies at grocery stores."

Recent home invasions – in the North Park neighborhood of Victoria & in Esquimalt – & gang-related activities have Victoria police concerned about a disturbing increase in violent confrontations *with* … "Criminals engaging in an increasing amount of senseless violence *that isn't necessary* to support their objective." [VICTORIA Police Insp. Phyllis Senay][69]

"Heroin addicts can stay relatively healthy for quite a while. with cocaine, the decline is more rapid. But even cocaine pales besides *meth's* 'incredibly fast, vicious physical deterioration. ***The psychosis*** comes way faster than it used to.'" Said Micheal Breton, "The heroin & cocaine *on the street today* is *being* cut with *CRYSTAL DEATH* … offering a cheap, long-lasting, intense 'high' – also turning abusers into * wrecks with alarming SPEED."[70] * *inhumansterous*

'With something like *metamphetamine* the consequences are so awful for most people
that lifetime usage is very short … People get sick (die) very quickly.'
Ian MacEwan, senior treatment advisor

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[65] City mulls housing options. Sheila Potter. Victoria News. Feb. 4, 2004. Pg. 3.
[66] Victoria hopes to head off Vancouver's problem. Barbara McLintock. The Province. Vancouver BC. Feb. 4, 2003. A.12.
[67] Crystal Meth use hikes crime, addiction. Brennan Clarke. Victoria News. Mar. 17, 2004. FRO
[68] Suspect held in hold-up spree. Victoria News. Mar. 10, 2004. FRO
[69] Violence level of recent surprises Victoria's police force. Don Descoteau. Victoria News. Nov. 5, 2003. Pg. 4.
[70] The hole in the heart of Victoria. Jack Knox. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Oct. 19, 2003. D.1. FRO

Federal law currently prohibits legislation for medical use, but voters in California, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Maine, Alaska, & Nevada approved *referenda* allowing the possession of pot for medicinal purposes. In Hawaii, the state legislature enacted a legislation statute without

a vote of the people

violating states' & citizens' rights to self-govern *themselves*.[71]

Vancouver received its exemption to – conduct a *scientific research pilot project* – Section 56 of the Controlled Drugs & Substances Act:[72] "***Public support*** – & 1.5 million from Ottawa & 3.2 million from the provincial government: Vancouver Island Health Authority, provincial Health Ministry.[73] – ***is*** what will fuel

the political will.

Tony White [head of the Nanaimo John Howard Society], *said*.[74]

"… its estimated *that* in Nanaimo *about* 20 % of the population is involved in substance abuse, including alcohol." Said White, "We've got close to thirty resources involved in drugs & alcohol issues

<u>at considerable cost</u>

& the problem doesn't seem to be getting any smaller. It's getting larger in fact."

Health Ministry est. *it* costs $1 million to care for a hepatitis C suffer - from diagnosis to death..[75]
How much will it cost to raise one Canadian child from birth to the age of eighteen? $160,000.00

"I am a very big proponent of safe injection sites … everybody is going to fight not to have it in their neighborhood." [Sheila Orr, MLA Victoria-Hillside][76]

At a time when *affordable housing & the BOHEMIA Development project* on Cook St. were in the news: in an 8-page City of *Greater* Victoria Chamber of Commerce citizen's survey mailed to 1,400 randomly selected residents.

Accurate 19 times out of 20 (+ *or* – *4%*), 544 completed surveys – designed by Soki Kaur – revealing a population in need < street people: a number of marginalized & disenfranchised persons … neglect of mentally ill, drug addicted, poor, & homeless > a nuisance. The sentiments indicate *that* citizens are generally happy to live in Victoria, for what it has to offer, but *that*

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[71] Drug War Briefs: Safe Injection Site Opening in Vancouver BC. June 30, 2003. Kevin Nelson, AlterNet.org.
[72] Health officer endorses safe drug site for Victoria: Safe-injection site in Victoria fine with top doctor: []. Malcom Curtis. Times-Colonist. Mar. 27, 2004. A.1. FRO & Vancouver Sun. Mar. 27, 2004. B.11.
[73] Health officer endorses safe drug site for Victoria: Safe-injection site in Victoria fine with top doctor: []. Malcom Curtis. Times-Colonist. Mar. 27, 2004. A.1. FRO & Vancouver Sun. Mar. 27, 2004. B.11.
[74] Help for addicts lacking in city *series*: DRUGS: the battle against addiction – Part 2. Paul Walton. Nanaimo Daily News. Nanaimo BC. Nov. 15, 2004. A.3.
[75] The hole in the heart of Victoria. Jack Knox. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Oct. 19, 2003. D.1. FRO
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Victorians don't want big city problems.

51% commented on *the* downtown atmosphere – street people & begging.
18% specifically mentioned panhandlers & drug dealers.
46 % felt **unsafe *or* very unsafe** at night downtown.
& 45% point out *the* street population as problematic … [Coun. Rob Fleming.][77]

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"We need to accept certain responsibilities"
… an IV drug abuser *is* even more sinister than the familiar evils of cocaine, heroine, & alcohol.[78]

Police should be dealing with druggies, like any other people who do what they shouldn't in public.
But we need a more proactive approach from our civic leaders to look after them once *the cops* have moved them on.[79] [Cf. *All junkies must die twice.* a letter by Darcy J. Bouchard, Apr. 1, 2004.]

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Major changes to the Residential Tenancy Act: 4.6% increase by April 1: landlords required to give 3 mos. notice of rent increases. Prior to Jan. 1, there were no limits on proposed rent increases, but landlords had to justify their proposals during an arbitration process.[80]

"Homeless people generally don't sleep during the cold weather."[81]
Rev. Al Tysick, director, Open Door street ministry.

"If people () are fortunate enough to find a place … the housing would be substandard & unsafe. Your stuff will be stolen. You may be beaten *up* – those things are common.
A lot of people that are living outside are people *who* are socially isolated … don't have the skills to ask for help." [Phil Ward, housing outreach worker for Pacifica Housing Services][82]

Mayor Alan Lowe admits, *that* 'obviously if *you* want to change *it*,
72% are not going to be happy.'[83]

From the landlord's perspective, we don't need rent controls. We say, Let the Market set the Rents.[84]
Al Kemp, CEO of the Victoria-based Rental Owners & Manager's Association of BC.

"This is not the most desirable way to provide shelter, this warehousing of people." [*Greater* Victoria Cool-Aid Society CEO Carol Finnie][85]

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[77] Survey targets street people. Sheila Potter. Victoria News. Feb. 18, 2004. FRO & Change in Victoria could always present challenge. Sheila Potter. Victoria News. Feb. 18, 2004. Pg. 3.
[78] Help for addicts lacking in city *series*: DRUGS: the battle against addiction – Part 2. Paul Walton. Nanaimo Daily News. Nanaimo BC. Nov. 15, 2004. A.3.
[79] Drug problem demands leadership. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Jan. 12, 2003. D.2.
[80] Tenants start to feel policy changes impact. Brennan Clark. Victoria News. Mar. 10, 2004. Pg. 1.
[81] Cold snap prompts city to offer shelter beds. Brennan Clarke. Victoria News. Jan. 7, 2004. FRO
[82] Homeless people face peril finding shelter. Ellen Yeung. Victoria News. Dec. 10, 2003.
[83] Change in Victoria could always present challenge. Sheila Potter. Victoria News. Feb. 18, 2004. Pg. 3.
[84] Victoria News. Mar. 10, 2004. Pg. 1.
[85] City's action on shelter spurs response. Sheila Potter. Victoria News. Jan. 7, 2004.

Victoria Cool-Aid Society (operating the Streetlink shelter for the homeless) & the Sandi Merriman House *for Women* are trying to cope with an increase in demand for services[86] … then the city closed the temporary shelter set up at the Silver Threads *seniors center*.

"We exhausted our casual list & our regular staff." [Cool-Aid CEO Carol Finnie *on Jan. 8*][87]

Rev. Al Tysick introduced Denyce Burrows – *as* 'his *new* friend' "… the only way CHANGE HAPPENS is by working together with everybody that's involved *in supplying services*."[88]

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Cocaine *is* getting cheaper to buy, *Because of abundance* … [89]

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"*We're* not just enabling homelessness, we are actually trying to move people beyond homelessness, to a state of dignity so *that* they … can move on with their lives." [Victoria Cool-Aid Society CEO Carol Finnie][90]

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"What do you call *an IV drug abuser* riding a bicycle in your neighborhood?" THIEF
"What do you call *two of sech*?" CRIME WAVE

It is imperative *that* all residents become aware of just how serious the problem is,
to become more proactive in helping to find some solution.[91]
George MacDonald,
Chairperson of the Cape Breton Addiction Services
Advisory Council

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Vancouver coastal health authority -- submitted a Vancouver supervised safe infection site scientific research pilot project to Health Canada *on* March 3, 2003 – **& constitutes *an exemption* under Section 56 of the Controlled Drugs & Substances Act.**[92]
Minister of Health gives $1.12 million.

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[86] Agencies overwhelmed. Mark Browne. Victoria News. Nov. 5, 2003. FRO
[87] Band-aid solutions no cure for homeless problem. Victoria News. Jan. 28, 2004. Pg. 3.
[88] Business & social services join forces to combat homelessness. Don Descoteau. Victoria News. - - - Pg. 3.
[89] Vancouver is Canada's drug 'warehouse – distribution center of drugs'. Lori Culbert. Vancouver Sun. Vancouver BC. Feb. 24, 2004. A.1. FRO
[90] Business & social services join forces to combat homelessness. Don Descoteau. Victoria News. - - - Pg. 3.
[91] Public invited to discuss drug, alcohol problem. Sharon Montgomery. Cape Breton Post. Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Feb. 25, 2004. B.4.
[92] HANSARD / HANSARD Debates from Previous Sessions: 4th Session, 37th Parliament. Tuesday, May 27, 2003 – *morning.* Vol. 16. No. 3.

In order to deal with some of those problems we do need a safe in*f*ection site. [Mayor Alan Lowe][93]

… through the Ministry of Health Services we have funded $800,000 for safe in*f*ection sites. .[94]

[Andy Hazlewood …]

... *a* 3-year evaluation project – monitoring the impact of supervised safe in*f*ection site - to support *this* scientific research pilot project:? The researchers will look at whether it reduces over-doses; improves the health of in*f*ection drug abuser; increases their appropriate use of health & social services; reduces the health, legal, social & incarcerations associated with problematic substance abusers.[95]

& the referral to the treatment services – communicable diseases transmission - prevalence of drug in*f*ection in public places & other public health factors in the community.[96]

Dr. Perry Kendall, speaking – on the debate about a safe drug injection site for Victoria – said, "As a provincial health officer, I think *it* would be appropriate."

'Some *pigs* are more equal than others.'[97]

… but an independent UN organization – the International Narcotics Control Board – criticized safe-injection *sites* for allowing people to 'inject *slow death (as if into the community.)*'* acquired on the illicit *black*-market with impunity – violating *signed* international drug treaties.[98]

But Canada does not violate its treaties …

Vancouver Mayor Larry Campbell dismissed the Un group. He said *it* was mostly funded by the U.S., which does not support any 'harm reduction' drug programs, preferring to fight a *WAR ON DRUGS* …

David Murray, special assistant *in* the US Office of National Drug Control Policy, told *the Vancouver Sun* on May 2nd *that* marijuana decriminalization could lead to a trade-inhibiting *border crackdown*, warning 'the proposed SIF could force the US to *tighten border controls to prevent increased drug trafficking*.'[99]

Canadian Alliance MP Randy White asked, Why are *they* promoting programs that will *help* keep addicts on drugs instead of programs that will help with detox & rehabilitation.

Or, *ábetterment of* crime prevention, law enforcement, the judicial process & corrections.

The war on drug gangs has gone on for decades & final victory is only a dream as long as there is a market for their products.[100]

"I don't want *to belabour* in*f*ection sites …"

John Turvey, Executive director *of*
the Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society,
which began an first needle exchange in 1988.

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[93] Health officer endorses safe drug site for Victoria: Safe-injection site in Victoria fine with top doctor: []. Malcom Curtis. Times-Colonist. Mar. 27, 2004. A.1. FRO & Vancouver Sun. Mar. 27, 2004. B.11.

[94] 2003 Legislative Sessions. 4th Session. 37th Parliament. HANSARD. Tuesday, May 13, 2003 – *afternoon sitting.* Vol. 15. No. 10. Cf. *Safe Choices*, 1400 page report *of* Health Professions Council.

[95] HANSARD. Thursday, Marc 11, 2004 – *morning sitting.* Vol. 22. No. 1.

[96] 2003 Legislative Sessions: 4th Session, 37th Parliament. HANSARD.

[97] George Orwell, *Animal Farm*.

Cf. "*Menês. Menês. Thekêl. Uph! Pharsên.*" Book the second of Daniel. (5.25-29)

[98] Health officer endorses safe drug site for Victoria: Safe-injection site in Victoria fine with top doctor: []. Malcom Curtis. Times-Colonist. Mar. 27, 2004. A.1. FRO & Vancouver Sun. Mar. 27, 2004. B.11.

[99] Drug Policy Alliance. Drug Policy Around the World. *Also,* Canada's safe haven for junkies. Salon.com

[100] Safe injection site experiment begins. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Sep. 16, 2003. A.8.

"but Canada's first *legal* supervised injection site is not going to make much of a difference," said Ann Livingston, a project coordinator with the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU).[101]

"… about 4000 addicts live in the 15-square block Downtown East Side *which has one of the highest HIV-infection rates in the world.*"

A Ghetto … A cup overflowing *with abominations.*
& spilt *milk* too …!

End the war on the poor.

Handwritten sign, on the wall *at* 237 Carral St. guerrilla *un*safe in*f*ection site.[102]

A de facto vanguard of an evolving 'harm-reduction' strategy *that* the city of Vancouver hopes will clean up the streets & halt a decade-long illicit-drug catastrophe that's killed more than 2,000 via overdose & infectious disease. Essentially, the situation here has been

so bad for so long

that the government is willing to help addicts *plunge illegal drugs into their veins*
& seeping onto the streets … polluting our lives …

As soon as Vancouver's planned SIF gained Canadian federal approval *in late June*, US White House director John Walters *went off*, saying: 'It's immoral to allow people to suffer & die from a disease we know how to treat. (The program shows an appalling indifference to addiction.[103])' He told the Associated Press,

'There are no safe injection sites.'

he added, calling the policy **a lie & *state-sponsored suicide.*** [104]

"It's hard for municipalities of regional districts to go cap in hand."[105]

"Rather than pay cash for a large 'ghettoized' project elsewhere, it would be better for developers to include some cheaper suites in new buildings." *Fleming did not discount the use of revenue from casinos* – he said, "It could be quite easy to do *that*." [Coun. Rob Fleming, *the new* vice-chair of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Housing Strategy][106]

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[101] Fraction of junkies using injection site: Vancouver facility fails to draw in heroine addicts. Moose Jaw Times Herald. Moose Jaw SK. Dec. 27, 2003. Pg. 14.
[102] Canada's safe haven for junkies. Salon.com
[103] July 27. Associated Press reports: Canada will open first legal injection site for drug addicts.
[104] Canada's safe haven for junkies. Salon.com
[105] City mulls housing options. Sheila Potter. Victoria News. Feb. 4, 2004. Pg. 3.
[106] Ibid.

The individuals to whom the services are directed must also enact their individual responsibility to **the social contact**. Over 8,000 British Columbians – almost half the *estimated* in*f*ection drug abusing population – is currently receiving METHADONE.[107]

The danger is *that* addicts & politicians are chasing the same thing[108]

A QUICK FIX.

"People can't wait to get their fix," said Doreen Littlejohn, a counselor – *at* the Vancouver Native Health Society. "They need to use the drugs the minute they get their hands on them, no matter where they are."[109]

John Turvey, the director of DEYAS, characterizes himself as a *non-sayer* on the SIF *for addicts in Vancouver* – provided a number of arguments against SIFs –

crack addicts *fix*[110] compulsively 20 or 30 times a day.

They wont walk a block to the *needle* exchange.

A new report published by Martin Schechter, head of the Department of Health Care & Epidemiology *at* UBC 'conducted [*the* study] to evaluate the prevalence of unwillingness to attend medically supervised SIFs among IDUs [intravenous drug *ab*users] in Vancouver' *found about* 37% of their 587 participants will attend an SIF.

The study quotes a Sep 2002 report on German SIFs, which claims *that* 'the most common (SIF) user was identified *as*

male, dependant for 12.5 years, & also using cocaine.'

Two Australian studies, where there are already SIFs, which, the report states, 'have shown that IDUs are *generally* unwilling to travel ever short distances to use SIFs or other medical services.'

Proposed clinical *trial* pilot projects in Vancouver, Toronto, & Montreal …

to test the effectiveness of heroin-assisted treatment for drug-dependent individuals – heroin *ab*users who have failed (refused) to respond to methadone maintenance. – If approved by Justice Minister Martin Cauchon, Canada will join Germany, the Neatherlands, & Spain *in* introducing pilot heroin maintenance [& *the bastards* cut music, art, & sports programs; close schools … &c... & at the expense of law-abiding taxpayers too] programs modeled after Switzerland's ongoing trials. The neighbors renovated! *So* ...[111]

The cornerstone of a renewed drug strategy must remain the long-term goal of reducing the harm associated with alcohol, tobacco, & other substances to individuals, families, & communities. According to US Center for Disease Control researchers, **over 1/3 *of* all AIDS cases** *in the US* are linked to in*f*ection drug *abuse* …

or sex with partners who in*f*ect drugs …

There are predators who benefit from drug prohibition …
& these predators should be dealt with.

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[107] HANSARD.

[108] Getting addicts off the streets. Ken MacQueen. MacLean's. Toronto ON. Mar. 17, 2003. Vol. 116. Iss. 11. Pg. 46, 2 pgs.

[109] Ibid.

[110] "Theirs is not too reason why. Theirs is but to *fix & die.*" Cf. Tennyson.

[111] Drug Policy Alliance. Drug Policy News. Canadian: House of Commons Committee recommends heroin maintenance. Monday, Dec 9, 2002. *Report on Canada's Drug Strategy.*

Turvey, *telephone conversation*

Turvey also said, *in Wents's words* – [Margret Wente, (Nov.) *Globe & Mail columnist* – SIFs will help make Vancouver's Downtown East Side

an even bigger magnet for addicts.[112]

Ontario Health Minister Tony Clement *has* vowed to fight injection sites "every step of the way" saying there is no evidence *they're* effective.

Their effectiveness, the federal guidelines acknowledge,[113] *remains to be demonstrated in terms of hard indicators & vigourous evaluation methods.*[114]

A final report from the Esquimalt / Vic West community response to violence committee indicates *that* it's one thing to crack down on gang violence with increased police enforcement & quite another to successfully stamp out the root causes of violence in a community.[115]

Drug Crime in the Lower Mainland: A Statistics Canada report says BC *has* the highest drug offence rate of any other province, & that the Lower Mainland has the second highest rate in all Canadian cities.

In a recent National Post piece, Alison Appelbe quotes Turvey as saying; There aint bin no 'war on drugs' in *the downtown eastside* for a bloody decade.

It is ironic *that* sech a person who'd pioneered *harm reduction - a new approach to drug addictions in the past* (the needle exchange) …

… has now become a vocal critic of the attempt at implementing *the new approach to the problem today.*[116]

Victoria police inspector Bill Naughton said *of his* city's 3rd worst ranking for drug offences: a festering drug problem … "The borders around here are very porous. Like Vancouver, when you are in a port city you have obvious vulnerabilities." Cities near international airports or marine ports have been access points for the movement of contraband in & out of

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[112] No evidence safe-in*f*ection sites will make Vancouver a magnet. Reed Eurchuk. The REPUBLIC. Vancouver's Opinionated Newspaper. Thursday, Jan 23, 2003. Vol. 2. No. 55.

[113] Official Report of Debates of the Legeslative Assembly. Thursday, May 22, 1997 – afternoon. Vol. 5. No. 6.

See, *the VIDUS (Vancouver's Infection Drug Use Study); est. in 1996-7 to moniter 1000 HIV-neg. infection drug abuser - &* from that determine
'the rate of infection,'
which is proving to be very frightening. [Joyce MacPhail]

[114] Getting addicts off the streets. Ken MacQueen. MacLean's. Toronto ON. Mar. 17, 2003. Vol. 116. Iss. 11. Pg. 46, 2 pgs.

[115] Dec. 31, 2003. Vic News. 2003: the year that was … Opposition New Democrats *sold out* press release claiming leaked government documents indicate *that* up to 29,000 will be kicked off income assistance when Liberal government '2 year time-limit' for people collecting income assistance in BC ...

"I had no sense over the years *he was doing anything wrong.*
I recommended him. I wanted him here. He was doing an excellent job.
[Finance Minister Garry Collins]

… *mad* rat race sinks 'the DB 2' *shyppe of ye fooles.*

***Sink ye* or swim.**

[116] No evidence safe in*f*ection sites will make Vancouver a magnet. Reed Eurchuk. The REPUBLIC. Vancouver's Opinionated Newspaper. Thursday, Jan 23, 2003. Vol. 2. No. 55.

the country. Organized crime groups in Lower Mainland BC are well-situated geographically to exploit the international trade of illicit drugs – & *SEX* SLAVES – around the Pacific Rim.[117]

WHO says there are 326 essential drugs in existence: yet Health Canada licenses more than 5,200 *in human use* ...

95 % of the drugs on *the market* in Canada are non-essential.

Last year, Canada spent $12 billion on prescription drugs … [118]

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There is so much more that can be said on this matter, but who would read the information should it be compiled – & there is a lot more documentation ***concerning these issues of***

*un*Safe In*f*ection Sites, Rooms, Facilities, ***the hole*** … a shooting gallery is a shooting gallery

Other related topics that are related to this matter:

- organized crime (& *the White* Sex-*Slave* Trade) – outlaw motorcycle gangs & asian triads in control of **cocaine [& other illicit drugs: metamphetamine, crack-rock cocaine, heroin, …]**
- hell's angel's motorcycle club members (& affiliates) infiltrating Vancouver *trade* unions … & the police
- *the* RCMP/Victoria Police Dec. 28, 2003 'raid on the legislature'
- marijuana grow operations
- homelessness, &
- incompetence at all levels of international, federal, provincial, & municipal governments & corporate bureaucracy

Ye gode Chylde Citizen Mayfly called Butterfly *if Our Church Triumphant*MA'Ω

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[117] Vancouver is Canada's drug 'warehouse – distribution center of drugs'. Lori Culbert. Vancouver Sun. Vancouver BC. Feb. 24, 2004. A.1. FRO

[118] Canada's other drug problem. Free Press. Midland ON. Jul. 1, 2003. Pg. 4.

Francisco Pizarro (c.1475-1541) draws a cross on the ground
With his own blood, & spoke his last word:

Jesus.

However,[119] he was an incredibly avaricious man, cruel, ambitious, & treacherous: perhaps the most brutal of the conquistadors.

"I'm not courageous. I'm just desperate."[120]
A woman, (52), who preferred not to be identified.

"Nobody decided 'I'll become a junkie today.'"[121]
Michael Breton, SOLID

[119] "Without the shedding of blood." Martin LUTHER.

[120] Survey targets street people. Sheila Potter. Victoria News. Feb. 18, 2004. FRO

[121] The hole in the heart of Victoria. Jack Knox. Times-Colonist. Victoria BC. Oct. 19, 2003. D.1. FRO

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Buridan's hungry ass was placed exactly between two haystacks in every respect equal:
it starved to death *because* 'it had no motive to go to one rather than to the other.'

"I'm a lazy sod." Sid Vicious.

[i] Prince Siddhartha, Guatama BUDDHA ('enlightened one') [], observed *that* most all human beings were poor & continually suffered 'intrinsically' from want. Even those who were wealthy were frequently frustrated & unhappy, & all men were subject to disease & ultimately succumbed to death: more to life than transitory pleasures (… all too soon obliterated by suffering & death & oblivion of forgot – the Devouress in the Lake *of* Fire: extinction.)

Right views, right thought, right speech, right action,
right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, right meditation.

Heaven sees as the people see; heaven hears as the people hear: educated free trade; light taxes; conservation of natural resources; equal sharing of wealth; government provision for *the welfare of the aged & disadvantaged persons …*

Authority derives from heaven, but *those who ignore the welfare 'of the people' will lose … the mandate of heaven.* However, the government concerned with the welfare of the aged & disadvantaged; & also in favor of low taxes would be mistrusted by Liberals & Conservatives *alike – possible conflicts between policies of inevitable sharing of wealth & approval of free trade & taxes …* [Mencius, c.371-c.289 BCE]

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The economic interpretation of history of Karl MARX [1818-1883], *that* few *sechwise* persons live in great wealth, while most workers live in comparative poverty: *the way* to rectify this situation is … to establish *by violent revolution*

the dictatorship of the proletariat.

[ii]The liberty of man in society is to be under no other legislative power but that established by consent in the commonwealth …

Hobbes *had* used the idea of a social contact to justify absolutism, in Locke's view the social contract was remarkable:

> *… whenever legislators endeavor to take away & destroy the property of the people, or to reduce them to slavery under arbitrary power, they put themselves into a state of war with the people, who are thereupon absolved from any further obedience, & are left to the common refuge which God hath provided for all men against force & violence.*

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The conclusion *is that* the bulk of mankind is doomed to live in poverty & near-starvation. In the long run, no advances in technology could avert the result, for increases in the food supply are of necessity limited, while 'the power of the population is indefinitely greater than the power of the earth to produce subsistence for man' – war, pestilence, or other disasters frequently reduce the population. But these scourges provide only temporary relief from the threat of over-population: population tending to increase geometrically, exponentially, increasing indefinitely until reaching the limit of the food supply.

A preferable way of avoiding over-population would be *moral restraint.*

"Ignore moral considerations entirely & depend upon strength & cunning …"
Niccolò MACHIAVELLI [1469-1527]

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"Men are so simple & so ready to obey present necessities,

that One Who Deceives will always find *those who allow themselves to be deceived.* ”

Niccolò MACHIAVELLI , *The Prince*, XVIII

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vi A practical matter, over-population *is* virtually inevitable, & *that* poverty was therefore the *almost* inescapable fate of most human beings. [Malthus] … & in the generality of *the state*, if every person be left free to have as many children as he pleases, the necessary consequence must be poverty. Poverty *is* the parent of revolution & crime: who have meditated on the art of governing mankind are convinced *that* ‘the fate of empires’ depends on the education of youth. [Aristotle]

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William Harvey [1578-1657] spent 9-years performing experiments & making careful observations to determine the details of *the circulation of the blood* … beating *about* 72 times / min. & moving *about* 2 ozs – 540 #’s of blood ejected every hour by the heart *into the arota* ...

viii Human beings are almost exclusively the product of their environment (& *therefore* completely mal-able): the idea *that* modern technology & society are bad, & originating the ideal of a noble savage – environmental factors – *are* of overwhelming importance in the formation of human character: [human nature is basically good.]

Cf. SHAKESHERE: “All men are bad & in *this* badness reign.”

Man is born free & everywhere he is in chains.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau [1712-1778]

Of the first modern writers of socialism & communism.

(Anthony van) Leeuwenhoek [1632-1723] *opposed* the theory of spontaneous generation of lower forms of life … an entire new world, a totally unsuspecting new world, teeming with life: microscopic – “very little animalcules” *with*

the Power of LIFE & (*Crystal*) DEATH over humans.

A natural consequence.

Shewed that the presence of certain … of micro-organisms produced undesirable products & effects in human beings. ‘If diseases were caused by germs, it seems logical *that* by preventing harmful germs from entering the human body (*politic*) – or culture – diseases might be avoided.’ Louis Pasteur [1822-1895] developed & popularized the inoculation technique of vaccinating people – as a preventative measure against *the* dread *of* disease. Freely offered – by the English Physician Edward Jenner [1749-1823] - to the world … with no attempt to profit.

& NOT as ...

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Abhorred as a tyrant throughout the lands he once ruled, Iosif Vissarionovich Dzhugashvili STALIN [1879-1953], a cruel genius who will not soon be forgotten: the ruthless use of secret police, & his program of arbitrary arrests & executions, & long terms in prison or labor camps … succeeded in cowing the population into submission *of a totalitarian dictatorship.*

x Like Luther, St. Augustine, & St. Paul, John CALVIN [1509-1564] held *that* all men are sinners, & *that* salvation comes not through good works, but through faith alone. Particularly striking were CALVIN’s ideas on predestination & reprobation.

According to CALVIN GOD EVER-LIVING has already decided – & without regard to merit – who is to be saved & who is to be damned.

UNDE MALUM the lesser evil

Why then should an individual bother to behave morally?

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The Elect (*that is* those persons *whom* GOD EVER-LOVING *Has* Chosen *to accept CHRIST* IS & thereby achieve redemption) have *also* been selected by GOD WAS to behave righteously.

We are not saved because we do good, but we do good because we have been Chosen for Salvation.
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[xii] There are too many statutes already. Passing more laws, or harshly enforcing the old ones, usually makes matters worse. High taxes, ambitious government programming, & making war are all contrary to the *the Spirit – pnuema, or vital (living) breath – or TAOm.*

The Way … for an individual is simplicity & naturalness' are usually advisable. Violence should be avoided, as should all strivings for money & prestige. One should not seek to reform the world, but rather to respect it.

The Old Master, Lao Tzu [fl. 4th cent. BCE]

"Long is the way and hard, that out of Hell leads up to light."
John Milton, *Paradise Lost* (Book II lines 423-33)